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QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L LISBON 2778

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: SECURITY COUNCIL: UN MEMBERSHIP FOR GUINEA-BISSAU

DAKAR POUCH NOUAKCHOTT

REFS: (A) STATE 141137; (B) USUN 2299 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY: GOP URGES US AND UK ADVOCATE DEFERRAL QUES-
TION GUINEA-BISSAU UN MEMBERSHIP. THEY FEEL CLOSE TO
A SETTLEMENT WITH PAIGC WHICH WILL ENABLE PORTUGAL
TO PROPOSE GUINEA-BISSAU AS MEMBER. THIS CANNOT
BE DONE BEFORE SYG RETURNS TO NEW YORK. PREMATURE
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RAISING OF ISSUE WOULD JUST COMPLICATE MATTERS ALL

AROUND WITHOUT REALLY ACCOMPLISHING ANYTHING. END SUMMARY.

1. PURSUANT TO REF (A) REQUEST, YESTERDAY AFTERNOON I ASKED FOR APPOINTMENT WITH FONMIN SOARES AND SAW HIM THIS MORNING. I SAID HE UNDOUBTEDLY AWARE THAT APPLICATION TO SC FOR GUINEA-BISSAU MEMBERSHIP IN UN LIKELY TO BE PRESSED LATER IN JULY ON RETURN OF SYG TO NEW YORK, SINCE I UNDERSTOOD HE WAS TIDUSCUSS SAME MATTER WITH UK LAST WEEKEND. I SAID USG ANXIOUS KNOW WHAT POSITION GOP WOULD LIKE USG TO TAKE AND ALSO IF PROPER WHAT HE HAD SAID TO UK ON THE SUBJECT.

2. HE SAID SYG WOULD BE IN LISBON JULY 24 AND 25 AND SOARES WOULD BE SURPRISED IF MATTER CAME UP IN NEW YORK BEFORE THAT, BUT HE WAS GLAD TO TELL ME GOP VIEWS WHICH ARE IDENTICAL TO THOSE HE EXPRESSED TO UK. GOP OPTIMISTIC THAT IN NEAR FUTURE (BUT PROBABLY NOT BEFORE SYG'S RETURN TO NEW YORK) IT WILL NEGOTIATE A DEAL WITH PAIGC WHICH WILL ENABLE GOP TO SPONSOR GUINEA-BISSAU MEMBERSHIP IN UN. THIS DEAL WILL MAKE NO REFERENCE TO CAPE VERDE ISLANDS AND WILL INVOLVE A FORMAL CEASEFIRE AND GOP RECOGNITION OF GUINEA-BISSAU.

3. WITHOUT MY ASKING WHETHER THERE HAD BEEN NEW UNPUBLICIZED NEGOTIATING DEVELOPMENTS, HE SAID GOP CONVINCED THAT CURRENT INFORMAL CEASEFIRE IN GUINEA-BISSAU IS IRREVERSIBLE ON BOTH SIDES. ADMITTING THIS AN ALMOST INCOMPREHENSIBLE DEVELOPMENT, HE SAID THE TWO MILITARY FORCES ARE FRATERNIZING, DRINKING WITH EACH OTHER IN BARS AND PLAYING ORGANIZED FOOTBALL MATCHES. NOT ONE SHOT HAS BEEN FIRED SINCE THE INFORMAL CEASEFIRE BEGAN AND HE DOES NOT THINK EITHER SIDE WOULD OBEY ORDERS TO RESUME FIGHTING. THIS GIVES GOP ENORMOUS NEGOTIATING ADVANTAGE, SINCE IT HANDS THEM THEIR MOST IMPORTANT NEGOTIATING OBJECTIVE.

4. HE THEREFORE THINKS THAT RAISING OF GUINEA-BISSAU MEMBERSHIP ISSUE IN SC BEFORE COMPLETION OF GOP-
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PAIGC NEGOTIATIONS WOULD RAISE A DIFFICULT ISSUE TO NO PROFIT FOR ANYONE AND MIGHT DISRUPT THE NEGOTIATIONS. HE WILL OF COURSE RAISE THIS WITH SYG WHEN HE IS IN LISBON, BUT HOPES FOR SUPPORT FROM US AND UK.
5. AS TO SUGGESTION IN PARA 4 OF REF (B) THAT THERE MIGHT BE A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN DESIRES OF SOARES AND WISHES OF ENTIRE GOP, SOARES TOLD ME HE WOULD DISCUSS THIS IMMEDIATELY WITH PRESIDENT

SPINOLA AND WOULD LET ME KNOW IMMEDIATELY IF
SPINOLA EXPRESSED ANY DIFFERENT VIEWS. WITH THAT
ASSURANCE, PLUS SPINOLA'S PREVIOUS ASSURANCE
TO ME THAT SOARES WAS TAKING HIS INSTRUCTIONS AND
SCRUPULOUSLY CARRYING THEM OUT,I HESITATE TO
DOUBLE CHECK WITH SOME OTHER HIGH LEVEL MEMBER OF
GOP, FOR FEAR OF IMPAIRING MY RELATIONS WITH SOARES.
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